TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE

HB 7007 - SB 7008

January 16, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from seventh to ninth, the earliest grade level for which a student is eligible to enroll in a course access program. Removes the ability of a student to enroll in a program course due to a legitimate situation that prevents the student from enrolling in a comparable course. Authorizes the State Board of Education (SBE) to exclude a course from the course access catalog if the course is offered by a school that was issued a "D" or "F" letter grade on the most recent state report card.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Increasing, from seventh grade to ninth grade, the earliest grade level for which a student is eligible to enroll in a course access program and removing the ability of a student to enroll in a program course due to a legitimate situation that prevents the student from enrolling in a comparable course will not significantly decrease participation in the program or the amount of funding that will shift from one local education agency to another.
- Tennessee Code Annotated 49-18-106(f) authorizes the SBE to exclude a course from the course access catalog for specified reasons; in addition, the SBE is authorized to establish additional reasons and requirements for the exclusion of courses from the catalog. Therefore, authorizing the SBE to exclude a course if the course is offered by a school that was issued a "D" or "F" letter grade on the most recent state report card will not result in a significant impact on the course access program.
- Public schools, public charter schools, and the SBE will amend their policies in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Bojan Savic

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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